

Arlington Historical Commission  
Minutes for the Meeting of  
Tuesday, 1 June 2021  
Remote Participation Meeting, 7:45pm

1. Call to Order: Commissioners Pamela Meister, Eric Stange, Dianne Schaefer, Michael Gervais and Chair, JoAnn Robinson.
2. Review of protocols for remote meetings and hearings.
3. Review of minutes: Minutes reviewed from May 2021 meeting and approved.
4. Communications Received:
  - a. Sign offs for demolition sent to the Building Department for 7 Mystic View Terrace, 19 Clyde Terrace, 3 Grandview Road and 6 Adamian Park.
  - b. Hearing details requested for 15 Whittemore Street
  - c. Request for sign off for 6 Chapman Street for repair to shingles and trim repair to prepare the house for painting. It has to be determined if a hearing is required.
  - d. Emails from Kimberly Keene regarding 645 Massachusetts Avenue.

Historical Commission FY 2021 Budget- Nothing to report.

6. Projects Proceeding under Hearings and Approvals:
  - a. 3-11 Lakeview Street 4/16 Schaefer/Robinson- Stop Work Order
  - b. 32 Kensington Road 5/18 – Nothing to report.
  - c. 21 Teel Street 12/18 – Nothing to report.
  - d. 29 Churchill Avenue 6/20 Stange- Plans to proceed with changes to the garage. Discussed the delay in starting the project.
  - e. 7 Village Lane 8/20 Robinson/Gervais- Nothing to report.
  - f. 38 Teel Street 9/20 Gervais/Schaefer- Covered in Tyvek.
  - g. 476 Massachusetts Avenue 9/20- Nothing to report.
  - h. 51 Grove Street 11/20 Gervais- Nothing to report.
  - i. 43 Bailey Road 2/21 Robinson-Nothing to report.
  - j. 46 Temple Street 2/21 Gervais/Schaefer- All windows have been installed.
  - k. 5 Bartlett Avenue 4/21 Stange- Nothing to report.
  - l. 7 Fairview Avenue 4/21 Robinson- Planning to call the home owner.
  - m. 559-571 Massachusetts Avenue. 4/21 Schaefer- Nothing to report.
  - n. 11-13 Lowell Street 4/21 Gervais- Nothing to report.

7. Discussions and Hearings:

**7:50pm Formal Sign Hearing for 430 Massachusetts Avenue** for new business Brizuela Fitness. Presenter: Charles Scacca

The exterior belt sign measuring 30"x10' will have ½" raised graphics reading Brizuela Fitness. The existing goose neck lights will provide the lighting for the sign.

Commissioner Gervais made the motion to approve the sign as presented.

The motion was 2nded by Commissioner Stange.

All voted in favor of the motion.

**8:00 pm. Formal Hearing for 47 Bailey Road** with homeowner, Linda Menkis, presenting.

Plans are for restoration and repairs to the house and an addition on the east elevation including the addition of new windows. The current staircase will be removed.

Areas for restoration and repairs that will be like for like:

Restore windows, dormers, front door, windows.

Replace aluminum gutters

New roof

Plans for addition:

Extend the first floor out to the current deck and a five-foot bump out on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor to extend the roofline. Adding a deck to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, a new door, new windows, new staircase.

Materials used:

Cedar clapboard siding

Marvin Signature Double Hung windows.

Composite/Trex for the deck

Eric Stange. Motion made by to approve the proposal to change the roofline and make this addition with the understanding that the homeowner will work closely with the monitor to finalize the window design and window pattern that is in keeping with the existing house. All changes and modifications will be changing like for like to every extent possible.

Dianne Shaefer 2nded the motion.

All voted in favor of the motion.

Monitor: Eric Stange

**8:30pm Formal Hearing for 15 Whittemore Street** with Thomas Liu. Plans for siding repair and replacement to be like for like. Cedar shingles and clapboards and details will match existing.

Commissioner Gervais made a motion to approve the exterior renovation project which will maintain the like for like replacement. The monitor will work closely with the owner regarding the repairs to match the existing house.

2nded by Commissioner Meister.

Monitor: JoAnn Robinson.

**9:00pm. Formal Hearing for 63 North Union Street** Presenters: Erin Hayes and Miriam Roberts, homeowner.

Plans: Remove decking and replace with Azek composite material, replace footings, wooden posts, wooden spindles, railings, and front lattice work. The plan is to bring the footings up to code. The footings are not visible. All other areas will be replaced like for like to match existing materials and design.

Commissioner Shaeffer made the motion to accept designs and the proposal for repairing and replacing the porch using all wood elements as close as possible to match for the posts, spindles, lattice work and railings. The flooring will be a mahogany composite Azek material.

Gutters and downspouts made of aluminum will be replaced with like material.

The motion was 2nded by Commissioner Meister. All voted in favor of the motion.

Monitor: Dianne Schaefer

**9:15pm. Informal Discussion for 85 Irving Street** with Matt and Meghan Weiss, homeowners and Brian Militana, architect.

Plans: Sunroom addition to the southeast corner of the east elevation.

Discussion:

Consider incorporating the bay window in the sunroom addition. When designing the sunroom, consider the overhang feature of the roof to match the existing design.

A hearing will be scheduled in the future.

Old Business: Follow up regarding plans for memorial gathering for Bob Botterio. Plans have not yet been made.

Discussion regarding document from the Town of Arlington regarding the installation of cell tower devices. A decision was made that the installation of the cell tower will not be permitted in front of historically significant houses and structures in Arlington. Also include in the document reference to include the Arlington Historical Commission and the Inventory in the certificate of appropriateness. Additional comments to share include how this may be setting a precedent for other cell companies to make this same request and

how this will impact our streetscapes visually and some grammatical suggestions to the document.

New Business:

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The Arlington Historical Commission adjourned at 9:50pm.

The next Arlington Historical Commission meeting will be June 29, 2021 for the Arlington Historical Commission, Victoria Rose, Recording Secretary.